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METHOD OF OPTICALLY MEASURING BLACK CARBON IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

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Dear Sir:

In advance of continued examination and in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.